

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance for the above-identified application mailed October 22, 2004. Applicant thanks the Examiner for a favorable review of this application.

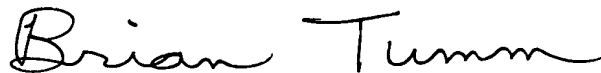
Applicant seeks to amend paragraph [0003] of the specification to reference the U.S. patent application corresponding to the Japanese Patent application listed therein. Further, the amendment addresses minor informalities in the paragraph.

As set forth by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowance, the Japanese patent application has a publication date after the U.S. filing date of this application. Thus the Japanese application and the U.S. Publication are related applications, but not prior art.

The claims have not been amended and thus no additional search is required.

Accordingly, prompt entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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